(d) if so, to what extent these changes have made the programme productive in these countries?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Prasar Bharati has informed that they have floated a tender for the worldwide distribution of 13 TV channels and 12 Radio channels.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. It is the constant endeavour of Doordarshan to enhance the quality of programmes on DD News channel through innovative programme formats covering national and international events.

Security issues of DTH broadcasting

2699. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee looking into the security issues of Direct to Home (DTH) broadcasting has suggested the Government to set up its own monitoring station not just for this service but for all the satellite channels beaming into the country;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry has prepared a detailed proposal in this regard;

(c) if so, the recommendations made by the Committee, which was set up in August, 2004; and

(d) how many of its recommendations have been considered and what are the steps being taken to implement them?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Committee felt that the Government could set up its own monitoring station for the purposes of not only the DTH service but for monitoring the satellite beams receivable in India. A proposal to set up a new electronic media monitoring centre is under consideration of the Government.